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Via ECFS
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

I am a consumer who supports broadband competition. I live in Los Angeles and quite frankly the internet here sucks. I need smaller providers pushing the envelope for tech employees and early adopters like myself so then the fruits of better service can be shared by the diverse community I live in.

It's shocking to me that even in LA I only have one or two choices for internet.

I dont want price-hikes like I find with my telecom provider. Comcast will every so often send me a bill about a \$1 rate hike <-- nothing SCREAMS monopoly than a \$1 rate hike, consumers wont complain, but the monopoly still makes millions.

I recently moved to a new neighborhood and into a wonderful community that has embraced me. My street is adjacent to Lafayette Square, a historic and fancy gated community in Los Angeles. My neighbors told me that in the recovery after the 1994 Northridge earthquake half of our street -- the half that was closest to the gated community had their electricity restored within hours of the accident. However the west side of the same block (where I now live) was without power for THREE DAYS -- literally on the wrong side of the tracks (and grid.)

We can all agree that is not fair for any person or neighbor in our community, and because of the work Sonic does I believe they bring more equality to this newest of utilities, broadband internet.

Keep broadband competition alive!

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